BLACK STAR

SHOWER OF SHITE!

With over 220 people dead and a further 80 still unaccounted for after the recent floods in the Valencia region of Spain, the so-called king and queen, joined by 'socialist' prime minister Pedro Sanchez and his Valencian cohort Carlos Mazón of the Francoist Partido Popular, thought it wise to take a dander through the devastated streets of Paiporta. The locals, workers and volunteers, interrupted in their efforts to clear the streets of mud and water soon showed their opinion of the VIP arseholes with plenty of ammunition to hand. Missed somewhat in the process is the monumental struggle going on across the region to help one another in a massive mutual aid enterprise that is a testament to the best of the old working class traditions of Spain and a demonstration of the defiance of ordinary workers when faced with the fecklessness and malicious disdain of the state and its flunkies.

'You've just come here to pose for pictures. You have no shame! You lack for nothing while we here don't even have water to drink'

Resident of Paiporta, Valencia region

CNT-AIT Solidarity

Members of Organise! Friends of the IWA-AIT staged an action in solidarity with our comrades in the CNT-AIT at the Spanish revolution monument in Belfast on Sunday, 3 November. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our comrades in Spain as they continue to face the onslaught of the Spanish authorities directed by the actions of people who claim to be anarchists and syndicalist revolutionaries aligned to the international known as the ICL-CIT. As reported before, we appealed to comrades in the IWW in Britain and Ireland to respond to what their international is doing in their name, but unfortunately, we have still received no reply.

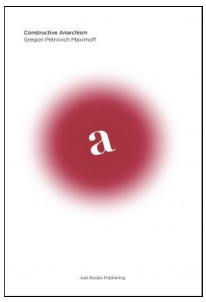
A member of our south Ulster Local read a statement at the event, which attracted the attention of a group of nearby Spanish tourists who gave a round of applause and shouted 'No Pasaran!' at the conclusion of our statement. Even random tourists can see that the legal action by the Spanish ICL-CIT affiliate is destructive to class solidarity and only benefits the bosses and capital, the true enemies of workers everywhere.

Lough Neagh Protest

Shortly after our solidarity action in Belfast, members and supporters of Organise! joined the march and rally to Belfast City Hall in protest at the inaction and continuing environmental catastrophe on Lough Neagh. The much-promised clean-up of the Lough, which is a workplace for many people besides the oft-repeated focus on it from the wild water swimming fraternity, has yet to materialise as we face into another potential return of the blue-green algae caused by pollution and climate change, and ultimately capitalism.

Just Books Publishing

Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist international founded in Berlin in 1922.

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The second title, now with a new cover, is Nick Heath's *The Idea. Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future* - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism, this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years... (Brian Morris on *The Idea)*

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Cost of Living Crisis?

Here are a few facts. Between 2021 and 2024 profits for major corporations have soared!

British Gas profit increased by 536%

Tesco's profit increased by 20.1%

Shell increased by 125%

Asda profit was up 55.5%

The average utility company profits went up by 103%

It's the cost of capitalism!

(A) Centre Events

Meanwhile... in Ballymena

Dog shit and ear biting — just another day in Ballymena. Local councillors here have been focusing all their attention (admittedly not much to start with), on the purchase of two 'dog faeces collection and disposal units'. This comes with a price tag of £200,000, which almost puts the Free State parliament's bike shelter into the shade. A good and sensible use of money was the response of both DUP and Sinn Féin members of the council along with the increase in fines for dog shit to £200. Worker casualisation and exploitation, poverty and austerity, addiction and rehab services, homelessness — all things among many others that might have welcomed investment, but no, it's shite as usual that dominates the minds of our elected worthies. I'd be happy to point the recent ear-biter in the direction of some fuckers who could do with a vicious assault of that kind.

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.

ORGANISE!

FRIENDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION · AMIGOS DE LA ASOCIACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LAS Y LOS TRABAJADORES

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Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985.

We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier…

The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Dublin, Lisburn, Monaghan, Newry, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We have a new Local in Formation in South Ulster. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid. Every member is an active member.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at https://organiseanarchistsireland.com and send an email to: organiseasi@gmail.com